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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, ET, US
SUBJ: CLOSURE OF KAGNEW STATION

REF: STATE 88519 (DTG 200143Z APR 77)

1. AFTERNOON APRIL 21, CHARGE HANDED BERHANE DERESSA, DIRECTOR, AMERICAN DIVISION MOFA, THE DIPLOMATIC NOTE CONTAINED PARA 7 REFTEL IN COURSE OF NOTIFYING HIM OF OUR DECISION CLOSE KAGNEW STATION. CHARGE STRESSED OUR DESIRE WITHDRAW AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT WE WOULD HEAR FROM EPMG VERY SOON RE ESTABLISHMENT OF DATE FOR COMMENCING DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTRY OR WHOMEVER EPMG DELEGATES CONCERNING DETAILS AND PROCEDURES.

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2. CHARGE NOTED THAT WITHDRAWAL PLAN IS EXPECTED TAKE 30-45 DAYS ONCE DETAILS OF WITHDRAWAL WERE AGREED WITH EPMG, AND SAID WE WOULD BE READY SEND IN AIRCRAFT WITH PACKING MATERIALS AND SPECIAL TEAM TO DO JOB THREE DAYS AFTER AGREEMENT. HE ALSO NOTED WE WOULD WISH TAKE OUT SOME OF USG-OWNED EQUIPMENT, BUT PROBABLY NOT ALL

AND IN LATTER CONNECTION DREW BERHANE'S ATTENTION TO ART.
VII PARA 3 OF 1953 AGREEMENT CONCERNING A JOINT COMMIS-
SION.

3. BERHANE READ NOTE CAREFULLY, SAID HE WOULD NOTIFY HIS
MINISTER, PROMISED TO GET BACK TO ME AS SOON AS HE
COULD, BUT HAD NO OTHER COMMENT. UNFORTUNATELY HE WAS
RUSHED, HAVING BEEN CALLED OUT OF AN "EMERGENCY"
MEETING TO KEEP HIS APPOINTMENT WITH CHARGE, SO THERE
WAS NO TIME FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

4. COMMENT: CHARGE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED DELIVER NEWS
DIRECTLY TO FONMIN. UNFORTUNATELY, NEW FONMIN HAS
ESTABLISHED HIS OWN SYSTEM OF INSISTING THAT CHIEFS OF
MISSION FIRST TAKE THEIR BUSINESS TO GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION
CHIEFS BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER TO SEE CHIEFS OF MISSION
HIMSELF. SYSTEM VIRTUALLY ELIMINATES ANY POSSIBILITY
OF ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH FONMIN SWIFTLY.
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